

FUTURE OF WORK COMMISSION

MINUTES FIRST MEETING OF COMMISSION MEMBERS TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021

TIME: 11:00 am

LOCATION: Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Eric Lesser (Co-Chair), Rep. Josh Cutler (Co-Chair), Senator Adam Hinds, Rep. Lenny Mirra, Rep. Kathy LaNatra, Secretary Rosalin Acosta, Steven Tolman, Tonja Mettlach, Miriam Ortiz, Joe Bevilacqua, Lisa Bernt, Lauren Jones, Secretary Joanne Goldstein, Rahkeem Morris, Dr. Harry Dumay, Laura Stout, Al Vega

ALSO PRESENT: Shelly Steward (Aspen Institute), Professor Thomas Juravich (UMass Amherst), President Mary Kay Henry (SEIU)

- I. **Introductions.** Introductions and opening remarks from Co-Chairs Eric Lesser and Josh Cutler. Introductions from all the commission members.
- II. **Commission Overview.** Chair Lesser gave a brief overview of commission goals and challenges ahead. Chair Lesser gave some logistical announcements, on meeting recording, minutes, and public materials.
- III. **Commission Schedule.** Chair Cutler gave an overview of future commission meeting dates and locations. Next meeting date set for Tuesday, July 20th at 11AM via Zoom. In-person meetings to start up in the Fall, beginning with a September 21st meeting at MIT. Chair Cutler gave an introduction on the 3 guest speakers for the meeting.
- IV. **Presentation from the Aspen Institute.** Shelly Steward from the Aspen Institute gave a presentation on “The Gig Economy and the Future of Work.” (PowerPoint presentation displayed via screen-share) The presentation included definitions of the gig economy, broad trends in portable benefits and worker protections for gig workers, and an emphasis on flexibility and stability when drafting recommendations. Following the presentation, there was a brief question and answer period.
- V. **Presentation from UMass Amherst Labor Center.** Dr. Thomas Juravich from UMass Amherst Labor Center gave a presentation entitled “Digital Technology, Automation, and Workers in the Future of Work.” His analysis focused on the uneven impacts and development of technological challenges in the current workplace and the concept of workplace monitoring. Following the presentation, there was a brief question and answer period. During the question period, Dr. Juravich posted a link in the meeting chat to his recent paper, “The Social and Economic Costs of Illegal Misclassification, Wage Theft and Tax Fraud in Residential Construction in Massachusetts.”

- VI. **Presentation from the Office of the SEIU President.** President Mary Kay Henry of the SEIU gave a presentation on the California Future of Work Commission. Her presentation gave an overview of the Commission's goals and membership, as well as its operations, key findings, and final recommendations. Following the presentation, there was a brief question and answer period.
- VII. **Conclusion.** Chair Lesser and Chair Cutler gave brief closing remarks.
- VIII. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.